

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 15-18 are amended. No new matter is added. Reconsideration in view of the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

The courtesies extended to Applicants' representative by Examiner LaRose at the interview held April 17, 2007, are appreciated. The reasons presented at the interview as warranting favorable action are incorporated into the remarks below and constitute Applicants' record of the interview.

The Office Action rejects claims 1-13 on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-7 and 11-16 of Curry (U.S. Patent No. 7,031,518) in view of Barthel (U.S. Patent No. 6,731,800); and rejects claims 14-20 on the ground of non statutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-3, 5-7 and 11 of Curry. To obviate this rejection, a Terminal Disclaimer is filed along with this Amendment. Applicants respectfully request that the non statutory double patenting rejections be withdrawn.

The Office Action rejects claims 15-20 under 35 U.S.C. §101 asserting that the phrase "machine readable codes" does not define a computer readable medium or memory. The Office Action also rejects claims 15-20 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the Applicants regard as the invention. To obviate these rejections, claim 15 is amended to depend from claim 14, as discussed in the personal interview. Also, claims 15-18 are amended for consistency to recite "the program code further comprising." Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the §101 and §112 rejections be withdrawn.

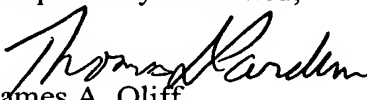
In accordance with the above remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that independent claims 1, 11 and 14 define patentable subject matter. Claims 2-10, 12-13 and

16-20 depend from claims 1, 11 and 14, respectively, and therefore, also define patentable subject matter, as well as for the additional features they recite. Thus, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the rejections.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-20 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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